



B Lab Statement on Levico Acque S.B. srl B Corp Certification

B Lab's independent Standards Advisory Council has rendered the following decision and guidance regarding eligibility for B Corp Certification for bottled water companies:

"Bottled water companies are eligible for B Corp Certification with additional review by the Standards Advisory Council and, at minimum, incremental disclosure on their public B Corp profile regarding material sensitive issues in the industry."

Levico Acque S.B. srl is required to disclose a summary of its practices in the areas of Water Access, Sustainable Usage, and Waste Management as a part of its B Corp Certification. For more information on the review process, please refer to B Lab's statement on the bottled water industry and B Corp Certification [here](#).

Summary of Company

Levico Acque S.B. is a bottled water company located in Italy.

Levico Acque S.B. srl's Industry Practices

Water Access

Levico Acque has a concession for the use of four springs which are owned by the Autonomous Province of Trento. The body in charge of controlling the water used at the bottling plant is the mining service of the Autonomous Province of Trento which regulates the company's access to and extraction of the water, abiding by European Regulations for extracting mineral water. At one of the springs, there is an easement for which Levico Acque undertakes to guarantee a certain number of liters per second to the adjacent houses. There have not been any stakeholder concerns raised regarding the company's water access.

Levico Acque S.B. srl has reported they are not engaged in any lobbying or policy advocacy for cheaper water prices nor easier water access. The company also reported there are no stakeholder concerns regarding its water access that remain unresolved.



Sustainable Usage

Levico Acque follows all national legislation related to groundwater extraction in the country. Through its internal management practices, Levico Acque is able to demonstrate that the company's operations do not impair the sustainability of the water resource over time. In order to ensure the company's water extraction rates are environmentally sustainable, the company commissions regular hydrogeological studies in addition to carrying out regular site inspections and samplings of the raw material at the springs in order to constantly guarantee the quality of the water used for bottling.

Furthermore, a percentage of the water collected throughout a portion of the year equal to about 50% is released into the neighboring land to feed the existing rivers. Since 2022, Levico Acque has also been committed to maintaining the local flora in order to guarantee as much as possible not only the quality of the water but also its conservation over time. The springs are also protected by wall structures and delimited by fences that prevent access to people or local fauna. All parts that come into contact with the raw material have food characteristics that prevent the contamination, growth and proliferation of pathogens critical to the health of the consumer.

Waste Management

The company bottles their water in glass bottles made up of an average of 50% recycled material. In an effort to encourage recycling of their bottles, the company is able to collect their bottles through the AcquaLocker® pilot project which is a system of smart counters for the return of empty Levico mineral water in returnable glass, with automatic credit. AcquaLockers® are automatic collection points for empty returnable glass bottles, which can be purchased in the sales point in baskets of six liter bottles, in the Natural, Sparkling and Mildly sparkling references. The AcquaLocker® app manages the customer's virtual wallet and calculates the credit generated by the refund. The credit can be used at the point of sale and deducted from the next purchase. The project aims to educate the customer, culture and increase the diffusion of a circular and regenerative economy through returnable glass. The AcquaLocker® pilot started in 2022 with the ultimate goal of expanding nationwide and is meant to also involve other local water brands.